



Dear School Community,

Thanks to the popularity of the DASH (Dynamic After-School Hours) Program, we are again expecting there to be a high demand in the '06-07 school year for the limited number of slots at each participating school. If you are planning to enroll your child in the DASH Program for the '06-07 school year, please read this carefully:

- **NEW THIS YEAR – DASH enrollment will be in the form of a LOTTERY.**
Parents may drop by their child's school from **school dismissal until 5:45 p.m. on the last day of school, Tuesday, June 13** (Year Round), or **Thursday, June 15** (Traditional), to request a numbered DASH enrollment application packet. **There is ABSOLUTELY NO ADVANTAGE in arriving early.**
- **We will accept signed and completed packets up until 6:00 p.m. on the above dates. Any packet not completed, signed by the parent/guardian and returned to the DASH representative prior to this close-out time will be forfeited.**
- **NOTE: There will NOT be a DASH Program on the last day of school.**

Q. Why a lottery? Why on the last day of school?

We know this process will not please everyone, but it was initiated in order to eliminate the dreaded long lines of years past on the first day of school. Every family currently attending a DASH school has an equal chance of getting accepted into DASH, should they complete this application process. We are conducting the lottery on the last day of school in order to give families more time to make alternative after school care arrangements, in case they do not get accepted right away.

Q. Who is eligible to enter the lottery?

Only ONE packet per family per school will be given out. You may include all of your children on the same application as long as they will be enrolled in 1st-6th grade at the same school in the coming school year (2006-7).

Q. Can I enter more than once?

NO. Each family may only submit one application at a given school. Children's names will be cross-checked. Any attempt to submit more than one application at the same school will result in immediate disqualification. **DON'T RISK HAVING YOUR APPLICATION DISQUALIFIED.**

Q. How will the applications be selected?

A computer program will randomly order the total number of application packets that were actually distributed at each individual school. DASH staff will pull valid applications according to the computer-generated list of numbers until all of the slots in the program are filled, and will continue in this fashion creating a waiting list.

Q. How many students will be accepted into DASH?

Our staffing levels allow the daily enrollment to be approximately 50 students per day. Since we do not expect every child to attend every day, we will automatically enroll the first 75 students from the list. Children from the same family will not be split up.

Q. How will I know if my children were accepted?

We expect to have a list of accepted students, as well as the waiting list order, available by Friday, June 16 for year round schools and by Tuesday, June 20 for traditional calendar schools. Lists will be posted in the school office and on the Chula Vista Public Library website www.chulavistalibrary.com. Some schools will also have a unique phone extension that parents may call to find out if they have been accepted in the program. **Only students/application numbers identified as ACCEPTED may start coming to DASH on the first day of school next school year.**

Q. What if my family is on the waiting list?

DASH Leaders will notify waiting list families if and when they can start using the program. This will be determined by the usage patterns at individual schools, which change throughout the year. We will strive to maintain the maximum daily attendance. **If your application number is not announced as ACCEPTED, you will need to wait until your DASH Leader contacts you before sending your child(ren) to DASH.**

Thank you for your cooperation.